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SUBJ: UGANDAN PRESS RELEASE OF FEBRUARY 25

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF UGANDAN MISSION PRESS RELEASE
OF FEBRUARY 25, RECEIVED USUN AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 28.
COPY ALSO DATAFAXED UPON RECEIPT TO DEPARTMENT (IO/UNP-TEFFT).

QUOTE: BEGIN TEXT.

THE SPOKESMAN OF THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE WISHES TO MAKE
THIS ABSOLUTELY CLEAR CONCERNING THE MEETING OF HIS
EXCELLENCY THE LIFE PRESIDENT WITH THE NATIONALS OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WHO ARE WORKING IN UGANDA THAT
HE WILL MEET ALL OF THEM WORKING IN DIFFERENT FIELDS
SUCH AS GOVERNMENT, PARASTATAL BODIES, UGANDA AIRLINES,
TEACHERS, MISSIONARIES AND PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN.

THE MEETING IS SIMILAR TO OTHER MEETINGS WHICH HIS
EXCELLENCY HAS HAD WITH OTHER NATIONALS SUCH AS BRITISH,
KENYANS, TANZANIANS AND RWANDESE WORKING IN UGANDA.

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INDEED, IT IS SIMILAR TO OTHER MEETINGS WHICH HIS EXCELLENCY
HAS HAD WITH UGANDANS, LIKE GOVERNORS, BUSINESSMEN, ELDERS
AND OTHER CATEGORIES OF UGANDA NATIONALS.

THEREFORE, THIS MEETING SHOULD NOT CAUSE ANY UNNECESSARY
ALARM.

BEFORE HIS EXCELLENCY ARRIVES AT THE MEETING, IT WILL BE CHAIRED BY A MINISTER WHO WILL DISCUSS WITH THEM DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THEIR MEMORANDUM. HIS EXCELLENCY WILL MEET THEM LATER. IT IS HIS INTENTION TO THANK THE AMERICANS FOR THE EXCELLENT WORK THEY HAVE BEEN DOING IN UGANDA SINCE THE CLOSURE OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN KAMPALA IN 1973 DURING THE ARAB/ ISRAELI WAR.

THESE NATIONALS OF THE UNITED STATES DECIDED TO STAY IN UGANDA INSPITE OF PRESSURES FROM KISSINGER AND THE FORMER ADMINISTRATION ASKING THEM TO LEAVE AND THEY HAVE WORKED VERY HARD. SINCE THEN, HIS EXCELLENCY HAS NOT HAD A CHANCE TO MEET THEM AND THANK THEM FOR THIS WORK.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO INTIMATED THAT THOSE AMERICANS BOTH BLACK AND WHITE WHO WISH TO HAVE UGANDA CITIZENSHIP WILL BE GRANTED AND THOSE WHO WANT THEIR WORK PERMITS EXTENDED, THEY WILL BE GIVEN TO AWARD THEM SPECIAL HONOUR AS THEY WORKED SIDE BY SIDE WITH UGANDANS DURING THE VERY HARD PERIOD OF THE ECONOMIC WAR.

FOR INSTANCE, THOSE WORKING WITH THE UGANDA AIRLINES HAD TO FLY IN MEDICINE AND OTHER ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES TO THE REMOTEST AREAS OF THE COUNTRY DURING THE PETROL CRISIS.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT AFTER THE MEETING, HIS EXCELLENCY IS LIKELY TO GIVE THEM A BIG RECEPTION WITH CULTURAL SHOWS AND DANCES BY THE HEART BEAT OF AFRICA.
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